THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) ONGC charter hires Indian Flag Vessels from Indian Shipping Companies and these OSVs are since operating in accordance with the formula known as the Director General Shipping Formula appruved by Government of India. ONGC also charter hires OSVs from the open market through International Com petitive Bidding on the basis of day charter rates on a need basis.

(c) Does not arise.

Supply of gas from ONGC to Trombay Therma/ Power Station

1241. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHIWARI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to stale:

(a) whether there was a committed quantity of 1.5 MMSCMD of gas for supply from ONGC to Trombay Thermal Power Station of Tata Electric Companies;

ilu it so, how long this committed , " maintained to this power lion-

D the quantity of gas supplied during the year 1992-93 and 199? "

(d) whether it was cut down to 0.3 MMSCMD, at any time? if so, the reasons for the same; and

(e) whether Government are aware of the impact of reduction in supply of gas to Trombay Power Station on the stability of the power to the city of Bombay and what actions are being taken by Government to ensure the supply of committed quantity of ga_s to the power station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM **AND** NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The average annual supply was above 1.5 MMSCMD upto 1992-93.

(c) (992-93 • • 1.58 MMSCMD
1993-94 . . • 1.15 MMSCMD

fd) The commitment was reduced to 0,5 MMSCMD from June 1992 to September 1994 on account of reduced availability of gas.

(e) The average supply during April-November 1994 has been above 1.5 MMSCMD.

Agreement between Damania Airways and IOC

1242. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will tho Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Damania Airways, the private airlines has signed a Memorandum of Understanding wiih the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. for the import and handling of aviation turbine fuel;

(h) it so. the details thereof and reasons therefor, and